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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit the present Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97, 1.98. The present Information Disclosure Statement is hereby requested to be entered in the record of the above-identified application by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The USPTO is further requested to consider each of the documents listed on the attached FORM PTO-1449, and to indicate such consideration by initialing each citation thereon.

The attached FORM PTO-1449 identifies "Other Documents", copies of which are attached. 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Copies of the U.S. Patents identified on the FORM PTO-1449

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are not attached because the above-identified application is being filed after June 30, 2003. ("Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003", USPTO, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Pre-OG Notice, Stephen G. Kunin, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, July 11, 2003.)

The U.S. and foreign patent documents identified on the enclosed FORM PTO-1449 were cited in a PCT International Search Report, which is identified as an "Other Document" on the FORM PTO-1449. The PCT International Search Report is for an international application upon which the above-identified application claims priority. Accordingly, the PCT International Search Report is for an international application of which the above-identified application is a counterpart. PEP § 609(III)(B)(5), p. 600-135 (Rev. 2, May 2004).

The attached FORM PTO-1449 identifies "Foreign Patent Documents", FR 941 248 A and DE 11 15 748 B, which are not in the English language. The PCT International Search Report identified on the attached FORM PTO-1449 contains respective purported degrees of relevance of FR 941 248 A and DE 11 15 748 B, refers to specific sections thereof which are purportedly relevant, and identifies specific claims of the above-identified application to which FR 941 248 A and DE 11 15 748 B are purportedly relevant. This provides a concise

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explanation of the relevance of FR 941 248 A and DE 11 15 748 B. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), MPEP § 609(III)(A)(3), p. 600-129 (Rev. 2, May 2004).

The USPTO is requested to direct any questions or comments relating to the aboveidentified application to Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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